

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
June 10, 2003

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson and Aldermen Gina Daniel, Rick Tribble, Linda Linkous, and Diane Everett.

Absent were Mike Kemp and Glenn Dinsmore

Minutes of May 13, 2003 regular meeting were accepted on motion by Alderman Tribble, second by Alderman Linkous, and a unanimous voice vote.

Financial Reports: Recorder-Treasurer reported that detailed financial report for March had been delivered and that current balances based on Bank statement reconciliation are:

General Fund: cash in bank, \$42,735.00, Stephen's account: \$47,374.99

Street Fund: cash in bank, \$102,727.00, Stephen's account: \$44,575.81

LOPFI: \$40,211.00

Court Fund: un-reconciled but slightly over \$15,000.00.

While Recorder-Treasurer had floor Mayor asked him to address the increase in Health insurance rates that we are facing. (Item #4 on new business agenda).

Item 4:

Health Insurance rate increase. Information provided by Municipal League Health Fund indicates that the claims paid for Shannon Hills employees over latest evaluated period exceeded premiums paid by 247%. Based on that, we, the city, are being moved from a "Class 2" to a "Class 4" for rate purposes. This means that the premiums for health coverage for an individual will change from \$260.00 per month to \$335.50 per month effective July 1, 2003. That is an increase of \$75.50 per month. Further, the premium for dependant coverage will change from \$ 330.00 to \$412.50, representing a \$82.50 per month increase in the cost of dependant coverage. If current rules are left in place, the increased cost to the city will be \$75.50 per insured employee per month or \$906.00 per year per employee. A motion was made by Alderman Linkous to place this topic on the agenda for a special meeting on June 24, 2003. A second was provided by Alderman Everett. The motion passed on a voice vote with no opposition.

Dept head reports:

Fire Chief, Mel Aldridge, reported that the Fire Dept. responded to 5 fire calls and 9 rescues during May for a total of 14 actions.

Chief Aldridge also reported that the dept had been experimenting with some new street marker adhesive so if anyone sees any blue markers lying around loose please let the fire dept know.

The city of Alexander has reestablished their fire dept and we are working out a reciprocal agreement with them.

A resolution was submitted authorizing the Shannon Hills Fire Dept to enter into Mutual Aide agreements with surrounding cities and fire departments. This resolution is needed in order to keep Shannon Hills in Compliance with State act 833. A motion was made by Alderman Daniel with a second from Alderman Everett to accept the resolution as presented.

The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Water Dept Manager, Jim Ort, reported that shoulder reconstruction on Shannon Hills Drive between The shopping center and the City Park is about half completed.

Sewer line replacement on south side of that section of roadway will be underway soon.

Mr. Ort introduced documents concerning the Mid Arkansas Water Alliance and told us a bit about the organization. Following some discussion a resolution was introduced authorizing the city to request membership in the MAWA organization and approving payment of the \$500.00 membership fee with funds coming from the Shannon Hills Water & Sewer Department.

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Alderman Tribble and a second was offered by Alderman Everett. The resolution was adopted by voice vote with no opposition.

Police Chief, John Brown, was out on a call and was now available to offer a report.

Court Clerk was not present and no report was submitted.

Issue 1. Animal Ordinance:

Draft of new ordinance was not ready. A motion was made by Alderman Daniel to continue this issue at the special meeting already scheduled for June 24, 2003.

Motion received a second from Alderman Tribble and was approved by a voice vote with no opposition.

Issue 2: Amend Ordinance 2001-07 (Orderly meetings)

A proposal to implement the use of "sign up sheets" for citizens to file a request to speak about a specific topics at a meeting was discussed at length. Following the discussion the issue failed to get a motion so the issue died.

Issue 3: Resolution of Appreciation for Officer Ken petty.

A resolution was introduced stating the appreciation of the City Council and the residents of the city for the professional and effective work done by Officer Petty when he responded to a call about an intruder in the Shannon Hills Pharmacy on or about May 20, 2003.

A motion to adopt the resolution, as read, was made by Alderman Daniel with a second from Alderman Everett. Motion passed by voice vote with no opposition.

Report from Chief of Police:

The chief requested that the council approve a line item adjustment in the budget to all the purchase of a new Air Conditioner (outside unit... compressor and condenser) for the police station. He also asked for a mid-year financial review so that he could

determine where his department stands.

Progressive Insurance had donated a 4 wheel drive 4 wheeler for the city's use. It was recovered last week and the insurance company indicated that because our police force had been so helpful in detecting insurance fraud in the past that they would make the donation in appreciation.

Issue 4. Emergency Signal Light Bulbs:

The Mayor introduced the idea of helping elderly or infirm citizens acquire the light bulbs that would work to summons help in an emergency. He indicated that the city could not purchase and distribute such a device but we could help organize method whereby it could be done by citizens.

He also introduced an idea to supplement the city emergency warning system (sirens) with weather radio's that could be made available to citizens at a wholesale price. General agreement was indicated, with no formal vote, that a small amount of funds could be spent to produce and mail a letter to the citizens explaining the idea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Everett. A second was offered by Alderman Linkous. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm 6-10-03

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer